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ASK RECEIVER FOR EQUITABLE.  
Chicago Policyholders Apply to U. S. Court—Want Accounting Also.

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The complainants are John G. Sanditz, Abraham Sitron, Julius Ettelson, Max Etelson, Louis Neuman, Samuel Lyons and Lina Lyons. They are holders of policies in the Equitable Life ranging from \$1,575 to \$15,000. The total of their policies is \$13,000.

In the bill filed the complainants declare that for number of months the president and vice-president and directors of the Equitable have been engaged in a controversy in relation to the management of the company. This controversy, they claim, is injurious, detrimental and destructive to the business of said corporation and the interests of your orators and oratrix. It is also declared that Alexander and Hyde, president and vice-president of the company, respectively, have, "in violation of the charter of the corporation and the laws of New York, fraudulently converted money and assets to their own use, and have so fraudulently used, manipulated, dissipated and otherwise disposed of the assets of the corporation as to have suffered great losses."

WIND WRECKS BUILDINGS.  
Hits West End and Hollywood, N. J. Hard, but Lasts Only 20 Minutes.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., April 21.—West End and Hollywood were hit by a windstorm at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon causing a loss estimated at \$10,000. The storm lasted less than twenty minutes. It came out of the southwest and spent its fury between Brighton and Ocean avenues.

The east approach of the Hollywood station was blown down. The engine room of the West End Hotel and the bridge which crosses Ocean avenue from the hotel to the ocean avenue pavilion also went down. A number of the big columns were displaced.

A three story frame building belonging to William C. Keller of New York, situated in the rear of the Hotel Keller on Brighton Avenue, was blown down. The building had just been fitted up at a cost of several thousand dollars. A barn belonging to Mrs. Rosalie Moore on Second avenue was blown across the trolley road tracks. Traffic was stopped. The sheds of Henry Hulick were picked up in the whirl and landed several yards away in the front of Howard Hulick's house, carrying away the front porch.

Chimneys by the score were blown down, many penetrating living apartments. No one, however, was injured. Several carpenters working on Philip Lehman's new house at South Elberon had narrow escapes. They had just left the building when the scaffolding was torn loose and carried away.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., April 21.—An April specimen of Jersey lightning struck a barn owned by Jonathan Smith, two miles south of this place this afternoon, and stunned a number of horses. The barn and a number of outbuildings were destroyed by fire. The animals were rescued.

STORM HITS PHILADELPHIA.  
High Wind and Heavy Rain Tie Up Traffic—Buildings Unroofed.

PHILADELPHIA, April 21.—Several persons were injured and property worth thousands of dollars was destroyed by a wind storm which swept over this city this afternoon. The storm lasted less than half an hour, but in that time it wrought damage greater than that created by any storm that has visited Philadelphia in recent years.

The storm struck the city at 3 o'clock. The wind blew at the rate of 50 miles an hour, rain fell in torrents and traffic was tied up completely. The blast came with such suddenness that persons on the street were blown from their feet.

From all sections of the city come reports of houses unroofed. The police have been unable as yet to compile any estimate, but more than five hundred damaged buildings have already been reported.

Mrs. Charles Long, who was buried beneath the wreckage of a fence at Thirtieth and Mount Vernon streets, was so badly injured that the physician has abandoned all hope of her recovery. Her back was broken and she sustained a fractured skull and several broken ribs.

The roof of Rogers Hall, a large building in West Philadelphia, was ripped off and carried along over houses and a big cloud. It was deposited several hundred yards away in the open street.

7 ARRESTS IN THE OYSTER WAR.  
Prisoners Accused of Prejudging in Hempstead Bay.

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., April 21.—Seven arrests were made to-day in the great bay war. The prisoners will be arraigned before Justice Clowes here tomorrow. For several months the men who lease lands under water in Hempstead Bay from the town have been complaining that the independent tongs, those having no rented lands, have been poaching on the leased lands. The independent baymen claimed that the planters had planted upon natural beds, and they were entitled to dredge where they pleased.

Francis Pearson of Freeport, a planter, swore out warrants against Peter Holbrook, Thomas Carman, Charles G. Smith, Darryl Carman, Stephen R. Brower, William Leonard and Zachariah Morse. All reside in Freeport or near by. The complaints specify dates when they accused men are declared to have dredged in the waters leased by the complainants in Hempstead Bay.

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Precinct Police and Eggers' Sleuths in Rivalry.

Thirty Women Gathered in at the Tuxedo Slumming Let Go—Two Descend on 24th St. Place—Score of Warrants Got Out and Cottrell Hunted His Detectives

With the Haymarket, the Cairo, the Bohemia and other Tenderloin resorts closed yesterday either on account of Good Friday or Commissioner McAdoo's visit to the precinct the preceding evening, the proprietor of the Tuxedo, at 40 West Twenty-ninth street, saw a fine chance to do business. He profited by it and played to standing room only up to 10 o'clock.

Then Capt. Cottrell made a call with ten sleuths. He found about twenty women and women in the resort and announced to them that all could consider themselves under arrest.

Three of the men were in evening clothes and with them were three women, very evidently not Tenderloin habitués. The men pleaded earnestly with the captain. They had been dining at the Waldorf, they said, and thereafter, somewhat against their better judgment had consented to come to a slumming tour in an automobile. The captain believed their story and let them go.

The other men were also released with the exception of Marty Martin, held as the proprietor of the place, and William Clark, as manager. Thirty women were carted to the Tenderloin station, the patrol wagon making six trips. They furnished good business for the professional bondsmen.

A little later the precinct was raided and Griffith raided a saloon in the basement of 104 West Twenty-fourth street and arrested six women. Most of the men being well known characters in police annals.

An hour after Cottrell's men made the raid in the precinct, Detective McEntee and Minkley of acting Captain Eggers' staff appeared at the saloon with a warrant for the arrest of the proprietor, Patrick O'Neil, the proprietor, was there and he was arrested. The warrant charged him with keeping a disorderly house. He was taken to the Tenderloin station and locked up.

Eggers' two men heard with a good deal of surprise that they had been released by Cottrell's men. They seemed to think that the fact that they had obtained warrants had leaked somewhere.

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The Tenderloin expected results from the visit of Commissioner McAdoo on the day before and early last night it was rumored that on Monday Congress would pass many warrants during the day in Jefferson Market court. That rumor was strongest in the Tenderloin station, and it was believed that the police were raiding the Tenderloin cops heard of it and Capt. Cottrell and his plain clothes men got very busy.

Cottrell herded all his plain clothes men early in the night and instructed them to get busy and to get busy quickly. The result was that prisoners began to be brought into the station in droves and three or four hundred were taken to the Tenderloin station.

Commissioner McAdoo, after his tour of the Tenderloin on Thursday, issued the following statement yesterday:

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LONG BRANCH, N. J., April 21.—Theodore Seifert, a painter, was shot in the breast at an early hour this morning in Second avenue. He accuses Dewitt Smith of firing the shot. Smith was arrested, released to-night under \$500 bail. He had been drinking. Seifert will recover.

INDIAN BUREAU MAN HERE OUT.  
Supt. Fred H. Wilson Accused of Padding Payrolls.

Denies the Charges and Says There's Politics Back of It All—One Man Who Drew Pay Said to Have Been a Tammany Politician and a Bartender.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Secretary Hitchcock to-day ordered the dismissal of Fred H. Wilson, financial clerk, and for some time acting superintendent of the Indian warehouse in New York city. It was announced this morning that Wilson had been suspended, and the announcement of his dismissal was made later in the day.

Indian Inspector Charles F. Neisler was dispatched some time ago to make an investigation of Wilson's office, and he reported to Secretary Hitchcock, three or four days ago, that a bad state of affairs existed in the Indian warehouse. Inspector Neisler thereupon preferred charges against Wilson, and the accused officer, on being confronted with the charges, denied them. Secretary Hitchcock was unwilling to accept his denial, however, and the order for his dismissal followed.

The charges preferred by Inspector Neisler represent that the payroll under Wilson's charge was padded, the list containing twice as many names as the service warranted. The investigator found that several persons were drawing pay from the Government who performed no services, among them being a Tammany politician, and bartender. Special Agent Neisler also represented that Wilson was actively engaged in politics and that he spent a good deal of his time in Albany, instead of attending to his official duties.

Seven employees of the Indian warehouse have been ordered dismissed, but their names have not been made public.

Frederick H. Wilson lives at 153 West Eighth street. He was notified on Wednesday that he had been suspended. Mr. Wilson has been in charge of the Indian Warehouse, at 119 Wooster street, for the past three years at a salary of \$2,000